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THE MODUS VIVENDI.

Prominent Canso Merchant Gives His Views on Matter.

Believes Man Who Catches Bait Should Get Its Worth.

The Maritime Merchant, in an article on renewal of the Modus Vivendi quotes Mr. C. H. Whitman of A. N. Whitman & Sons, of Canso, N. S., who says:

"The man who catches bait should be allowed to sell it in the dearest market, like the man who catches codfish. If an export duty were put upon fish in the supposed interest of Canadian consumers there would be such a howl of indignation set up as would frighten the politicians. Under the modus vivendi there is an important business carried on in general supplies, and those engaged in that business would be slow to see the fairness of a regulation that would debar them from adding to an all too slender income in what looks to be a perfectly legitimate way. The privileges of buying bait and outfits are the only ones that are of much value under the modus vivendi.

There was a time when mackerel was abundant in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Northumberland Strait and St. Georges Bay, and the privilege of transshipping fish was of considerable value; but that day is past. Friction and unneighborliness would be too big a price to pay for an attempt to cripple the United States. At best it would only hasten the day when the steam trawler will have superseded bait hooks.

"The British fisherman has done away with the use of bait already, and his American cousin will soon follow. In 1904, out of 15,424 trips of fish landed at the port of Grimsby in England, 14,898 were caught by means of otter trawl, which uses no bait, and 526 trips were caught by means of baited hooks. How much will we have gained when we have driven the United States fishermen to the use of the otter trawl and lost one of the best customers for bait and supplies?

"The Anglo-Saxon is not easily coerced. If we undertake to coerce the government or the people of the United States we will only arouse antagonism and will have nothing for our reward but the questionable satisfaction of hitting back. If we want to keep our fishermen at home we can do so by offering them superior inducements. It remains to be seen what will be the result of Newfoundland's somewhat hostile attitude. The Newfoundlanders is a sturdy man, but somewhat insular."

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WILL BRING VESSEL HOME.

Some of Sch. Bertha M. Miller's Crew Left at Newport.

It is reported that sch. Bertha M. Miller of this port, which has been codfishing off Cox's Ledge and Block Island, will be brought home. The craft has been running her fish fresh to Newport and other places and it is reported that some of her crew have left and broken up the voyage. It is also understood that the craft has 10,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

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May Talk Over Fishery Question.

The governor of Newfoundland, Sir William McGregor, is visiting the principal cities of Canada, and while in Ottawa will no doubt discuss with Earl Grey the fishing question and other matters of interest to the colony in its relation with the United States.

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TAKING FEW MACKEREL.

Seiners Have Made Small Catches Off Halifax.

WEATHER THERE VERY ROUGH.

Cape Shore Traps Now Reported as Making Hauls.

A despatch from Halifax says that the few mackerel are being taken off there by the American seiners. The same despatch says that the weather has been very rough for the past few days.

Sch. Avalon of this port was at Halifax yesterday making repairs to her headgear, some of which had been carried away in a recent blow.

A despatch to the Boston Fish Bureau reports that the traps on the Cape Shore are now making hauls of mackerel.

Twenty barrels of mackerel were received at Boston from Newport yesterday.

Thirty barrels of fresh mackerel came to Boston yesterday from the Cape Cod traps.

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ANOTHER QUICK TRIP.

Steam Trawler Spray Has 50,000 Pounds at Boston.

Luckily Strikes Bare Market and Gets Big Price.

The steam trawler Spray arrived at T wharf, Boston, about 7 o'clock last night, after a trip of six days, with 50,000 pounds of fish.

The Spray left Boston Wednesday for a trip to Georges, and her arrival so soon was not looked for, as the fishermen have not been having very good luck on Georges recently. This is the second quick trip the Spray has made recently. On her last trip she was gone only five days, and returned with 50,000 pounds of fish, and for the first time since she went into commission nearly six months ago her nets were not badly torn.

The two successful trips of the steamer, which was put in service as an experiment, and to try the English method of fishing in American waters, will give some encouragement to the stockholders, who up to this time have lost money on the vessel.

This morning, beside the Spray, there were only three small trips at T wharf, and practically no haddock beside hers, so her 45,000 pounds sold at \$4 per hundred weight.

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Otter Trawler for Pacific Halibut Fleet.

The steam trawler Celestial Empire arrived at Victoria, B. C., May 15, from Liverpool. This vessel will be the first to engage in otter trawl fishing in the North Pacific. Two others are on their way there.

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VESSELS NOW FREE.

Order for Release of Schs. Raymah and Parthia Given.

Was Sent to North Sydney on Saturday Noon.

Although the authorities at Ottawa decided last Wednesday that the seized American schs. Raymah and Parthia should be released on the payment of a fine of \$1000 each, the work of making the necessary papers and concluding the govt. and legal business necessitated by this decision was not completed until Saturday morning. As soon as this was accomplished, a telegram was immediately sent to the authorities at North Sydney, C. B., ordering the release of both vessels.

Naturally the order was obeyed promptly and the vessels were soon free to sail and continue their fishing voyage.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.

* Sch. Shepherd King, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spilling prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$1.75.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.75; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.37 1-2 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Boston.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 28,000 cod.

Sch. Spray, 45,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake, 2500 flounders, 300 halibut.

Sch. Dixie, 500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5.80; cod, \$2.50 to \$3.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

An exchange says:

"It is reported that the Mexican government has granted a valuable fishing concession to an American syndicate. It gives the exclusive right to catch and pack fish in the waters of the Gulf of California, between the 28th and 32d parallels of latitude, which includes the entire gulf north of Guaymas."

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BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

Steamer Zapora Lands 270,000 Pounds Fresh Halibut.

Believed To Be Largest Halibut Trip Ever Caught.

What is said to have been the largest halibut catch ever made was brought to Tacoma, Wash., recently by the steamer Zapora. Her fare consisted of 270,000 pounds. This same steamer has also landed two trips of 250,000 pounds each and several other fares over 200,000 pounds each this season. She is usually out about seven days on her trips, using two days to fish, and the rest of the time making the run to the grounds and the passage to port. The fare is the largest of which there is any record.

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A ST. JOHN'S SCARE.

Hears Gloucester Vessels Are To Defy Island's Laws

As Usual There Is No Truth in Sensational Story.

A St. John's N. F., despatch of Tuesday says:

"The colonial authorities have advices indicating that American fishing vessels are preparing to defy the law forbidding them to secure bait, outfits and crews in Newfoundland waters during the present season. The government is taking steps to deal severely with such a contingency."

The above would be laughable were it not from the fact that its being read by so many people will naturally find some who will take some stock in it. The Times can authoritatively deny that our fishing vessels are preparing to defy the laws of Newfoundland, and will continue now, as in the past, to act within their rights. As the only vessels which are liable to frequent Newfoundland ports or coast are the salt bankers, and these have been gone from here one to three months it does not look on the face of it as if there was being any preparation made to defy Newfoundland laws.

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Bound Here with Fish.

Sch. Dido, from the Block Island codfishing grounds, was at Provincetown yesterday with 80,000 pounds of salt cod and will come to this port to market her fares.

Bait Scarce.

Bait is reported scarce at Provincetown.

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VERY BAD WEATHER.

Has Greatly Bothered Cape Shore Seining Fleet.

One Craft Had 400 Barrels in Seine and Lost Them.

The following netters are at New York this morning:

Sch. Nokomis, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ruth Pember, 2150 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Robert C. Harris, 450 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mayhew, 600 large fresh mackerel.

Schs. Harry A. Nickerson, Arthur James, Constellation, Ralph L. Hall, Annie Greenlaw, Dauntless, Elizabeth Silsbee, Veda M. McKown, Avalon, Lizzie M. Stanley, Annie M. Parker, Indiana, Vera, Lucania, Terra Nova, Mary E. Harty, and Natalie B. Nickerson were at Halifax, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, which put into Halifax on Monday, landed one of her crew who was ill.

The seining fleet had done very little up to Monday, when a number of the vessels were at Halifax for shelter. Sch. Constellation set her seine Saturday night, but got only 34 fish. As she was setting sch. Mary A. Nickerson, in coming about astern of the Constellation, smashed one of the latter's seine boats, which was being towed. Sch. Avalon is reported to have taken 20 barrels Saturday night but carried away some gear and put into Halifax. Schools of fish were seen Saturday, but the weather was rough up to Sunday, and interfered with fishing operations.

A Halifax exchange says:

"Sch. Elizabeth Silsby, Capt. Lewis, which has joined the fleet, is one of the finest seiners sailing out of Gloucester. She has gasoline auxiliary, which will send her along at 11 knots.

She is well fitted, and has a regular baiting room to save baiting on deck in bad weather. She is electric lighted, and Capt. Lewis has the reputation of being one of the greatest mackerel killers in the Gloucester fleet. He is reported to have taken a few barrels so far."

A Halifax dispatch says that sch. Annie M. Parker of this port got her seine around a 400 barrel school of mackerel off there Monday, but it was so rough that the boat was nearly swamped and they could not handle the fish, and succeeded in saving only a few barrels.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, Kernwood, Slade Gorton, Grayling and Mary F. Curtis were at Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday.

The nets at Prospect, N. S., took 500 large mackerel on Sunday.

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A True Fish Story.

Here is a fish story told by a British nobleman: An Irishman had caught a big pike. Noting a lump in its stomach, he cut it open. "As I cut it open there was a mighty rush and a flapping of wings, and away flew a wild duck, and when I looked inside there was a nest, with four eggs, and she had been after sitting on that nest."

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Good Stock

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, stocked \$1435 as the result of her recent shacking trip, the crew sharing \$32.50.

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MADE BIG HAUL.

White Point, N. S., Traps Took 3800 Large Mackerel Monday.

Catches Reported at Other Points Along Cape Shore.

A despatch to the Boston Fish Bureau from Canso, N. S., yesterday, says the White Point trap took 3800 large mackerel, also that few are being taken at Whitehead and on the Cape Breton coast. No medium fish have yet shown and the weather is bad. No seiners have been there yet. A few mackerel had been taken in Chebucto Bay.

A Halifax despatch of yesterday confirms the catch at the White Point trap and says that mackerel are reported plenty at St. Peter's, fair at Petit de Gras, boats at Arichat, C. B., taking from 25 to 120 fish each. Forty large 18 inch mackerel have been taken at Port Hood.

Sloop Hersey D. Taylor with 130 large fresh mackerel and sch. Motor with 470 large fresh mackerel were at New York yesterday afternoon.

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HAD LARGE FARE.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray at Boston with the Best of Season.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Val O'Neil arrived at Boston yesterday from the Gulf of St. Lawrence with the best fare from that ground this season, 55,000 pounds of halibut and 30,000 pounds of salt codfish. The price of halibut is low, but the fare is so large that Capt. O'Neil and his crew will make a fine stock and share. The craft encountered bad weather on the passage home, having her mainsail split and her jib blown away in a breeze on Tuesday.

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First Swordfish of the Season.

Sch. A. C. Newhall of Boston, which arrived at Fulton Market, New York, on Monday, with a fare of fresh mackerel, also had one swordfish. As this is the first one of the season, the credit of landing the first "sworder" goes to Capt. Sampson. The fish was a small one, weighing 225 pounds, and brought 19 cents per pound.

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Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Rapidan, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sloop Olympia, shore.